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INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

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AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

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AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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AMEMBASSY MANAMA

AMEMBASSY MUSCAT

AMEMBASSY SANA

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SUBJECT: ARAB BOYCOTT: SPECIAL STATUS OF COMMUNICATIONS

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1. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION POSED PARA 9 REFTTEL, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT SECGEN RIYAD OF ARAB TELLECOMMUNICATIONS UNION (ATU) WOULD REACT POSITIVELY TO INFORMAL APPROACH ON WHAT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE IN TERMS OF EXEMPTING TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES FROM ARAB BOYCOTT.

2. RIYAD IS GENERALLY WELL-DISPOSED TOWARD U.S., AND IS IN FACT FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN OF EGYPTIAN-AMERICAN FRIEND-
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SHIP ASSOCIATION. WE ARE OF OPINION THAT HE WOULD GIVE US

HIS BEST COUNSEL AND ADVICE ON WHAT MIGHT BE DONE TO SOLVE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROBLEM. EMBASSY HAS NOT REAL FEELING ON
HIS ROLE AND THAT OF ATU IN NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS
POLICIES OR VIS-A-VIS BOYCOTT COMMISSION, BUT WE BELEIVE
A LOW-KEY APPROACH IS WORTH TRYING.

3. ON LARGER QUESTION, IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW WE WILL
BE ABLE TO AVOID INVOLVING THE BOYCOTT COMMISSION AT SOME
POINT. COMMISSION HAS SINGLE-MINDED DEDICATION TO PRINCIPLE
OF BLACKLIST AND IS AT PRESENT EXTREMELY CONSCIOUS OF
ITS NEW-FOUND MUSCLE. REACTION TO SEARCH FOR MEANS OF
ACCOMODATION IS LIKELY TO BE BLUNT AND UNACCEPTABLE TO U.S.
AS IN OTHER INSTANCES, HOWEVER, IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO RELY
ON ACTIONS OF INDIVIDUAL CONTRIES TO AVOID NECESSITY OF
CONFRONTATION WITH BOYCOTT COMMISSION.

4. EMBASSY IS PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE APPROACH SIMULTANEOUSLY
WITH TAHT BEING MADE BILATERALLY TO SAUDIS, AND WOULD
APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION OVER AND ABOVE THAT CONTAINED
REFTEL THAT WOULD BE OF USE. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE
ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS AS TO EXANCTLY WHAT SHOULD BE SAID
TO SEC GEN RIYAD.
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